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# ARTICLES TO BE ENQVIRED OF VVITHIN THE Dioces of LONDON,

IN THE SECOND TRIENNIALL  
Visitation of the Right Honorable, and Right  
Reuerend Father in God WILLIAM  
Lord Bishop of London.

HOLDEN  
In the yeere of our Lord God, 1631.



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## The Oath to bee ministred to the Church-wardens and Sworne-men.

**Y**ou shall sweare that you and euery of you shall diligently enquire of the Articles giuen you in charge; and without any affection, fauour, hatred, hope of reward & gaine, or feare of displeasure, or malice of any person, you shall present all and euery such person and persons that now is, or of late was within your Parish, as hath committed any incest, adultery, fornication, or symony, and any misdemeanour or disturbances committed or made in any Church or Chappell, in time of Common Prayer, Preaching, or diuine Seruice there vsed, to the disturbance thereof: and also that haue committed or done any other offence, fault, or default, presentable in the Ecclesiasticall Court, according to the Articles now deliuered to you. Wherein you shall deale vprightly and according to truth, neither of malice presenting any contrary to truth, nor of corrupt affection sparing to present any, and so conceale the truth: hauing in this action God before your eyes, with an earnest zeale to maintaine the truth, and suppress vice. So helpe you God, and the Contents of this Booke.

## The charge of the Church-wardens and Sworne-men set downe for the better performance of their duties, and discharge of their Oathes.

**T**hey are not to bring in any Bills vnto the Arch-deacons Courts vpon the Articles to be enquired of in their Visitation, by reason of my Lords Visitation, but onely now during the said Visitation, to make their presentments vpon these Articles. They are therefore charged, that after their Oath taken, and their returne home, they doe require their Minister to reade ouer both the booke of Canons or Constitutions set forth by his Maiesty, in the Conuocation holden in the yeere of our Lord God 1604. and also these Articles vnto them, and to consider of euery particular Article, and of the offences by them to be presented, as also of such persons in their Parish as shall be noted to offend in the same: and so the Churchwardens and Sidemen assembling themselues together within some conuenient time, are to make their Bill answering euery Article by it selfe, before the time hereafter appointed them, which Bill shall be signed with the hands of all the Churchwardens and Sidemen, with conference had with their Minister vpon the said Bill of presentment, who according to the 26. Canon, is to see that the said Churchwardens doe their duties, in presenting, vpon the penalty in the 26. Canon prescribed. These Bills for their better ease, and sauing of trauell and charges, shall bee brought by one of the Churchwardens vpon the *Parson's day of next November next to the Bishop of the* *Mans in Colchester.*



Articles to be enquired of within the Dioces of  
London, in the Visitation to bee holden in the  
yeere of our Lord 1631.

Concerning the Clergie.



**I**nprimis, Whether doth your Minister, before  
or after his Sermons, use to pray for the Kings  
Majesty, King Charles, Quene Mary, Frede-  
ricke the Prince Elector Palatine, and the La-  
dy Elizabeth his wife, and all their Princely  
Progenie, giuing vnto the King such stile  
and title of supreme Governour in all causes,  
and ouer all persons, as well Ecclesiasticall as  
Temporall, as by Law are due vnto him?  
And also for all Archbishops, Bishops, and other Ecclesiasticall per-  
sons?

2 Whether is the prescript forme of Diuine Seruice vsed by your  
Minister vpon Sundayes, Holidayes, and other dayes appointed by the  
Booke of Common Prayer, at fit and vsuall houres? And whether doth  
your Minister duely obserue all the Orders, Rites, and Ceremonies  
prescribed in the said Booke of Common Prayer, without omission or  
addition, as well in reading publike prayers and the Letany, as also in  
administring the Sacraments in such manner and forme, as by the Law  
now established is intoynd?

3 Whether doth your Minister administer the holy Communion  
so often, and at such times, as that euery Parishioner may receiue the  
same at least thrice in euery yeere, whereof once at Easter?

4 Whether doth your Minister receiue the same himselfe on euery  
day that he administreth it to others, kneeling at the same, and admini-  
streth it to none but such as do kneele at the receiuing thereof, and vse the  
words of the institution according to the Booke, at euery time that the  
Bread or Wine is receiued, in such manner and forme as by Law is  
appointed, and causeth sufficient warning thereof to be giuen before?  
And doth he deliuer the Bread and Wine to euery Communicant sene-  
rally?

5 Whether doth your Minister vse the administration of the Lords  
Supper, Baptisme, Instruction of children, Solemnization of Patri-  
mony,



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mony, Visitation of the sicke, Buriall of the dead, the Communion and Churching of women, vnder such words, rites and ceremonies as are set forth & prescribed by the said booke of Common prayer and no other?

6 Whether hath your Minister reiected any from the Communion, who were not by publike presentment, or other open scandall, infamous and detected of some notozious crime by common fame, or beheement suspicion knowne in the Parish?

7 Whether hath your Minister receined people of other Parishes to his Church to the Communion and diuine seruice; And whether his Parishioners haue gone to other Churches and places to heare Seruice or receiue the Sacrament? If yea, then you shall present euery offender herein.

8 Whether hath your Minister, Churchwardens and Sidemen presented vnto my Lord Bishop or his Chancello, within forty dayes after Easter, the names of all the Parishioners, as well men as women, which being aboue sixtene yeres of age receiued not the Communion, at, or about Easter befoze, according to the 12. Canon? If not, you shall present whether that presentment should haue bene brought in by your selues, or your predecessors, and specifie the names of euery one that should haue made such presentment for Easter last past?

9 Whether doth your Minister vse to signe the children with the signe of the Crosse vpon the childrens foreheads when they are baptized, according to the booke of Common prayer? And whether he hath deferred or wilfully refused to baptize any Infant in his Parish being in danger, hauing bene duely informed of the weakenesse thereof? And whether the child hath dyed by his default without baptism? And hath he baptized any children that were not borne in the Parish?

10 Whether is your Minister continually resident with you vpon his Benefice, or for how long time hath he bene absent? And where is he resident for the most part, and what other Benefice hath he? And doth he in his absence make allowance for the poore?

11 Whether doth your Minister, being a Preacher, preach vsually in his owne Cure with you once euery Sunday, or how hath he bene negligent in that behalfe?

12 Whether is your Minister a Preacher allowed? If yea, then by whom? if no, whether doth he procure Sermons to be preached among you once in euery moneth at the least, by such as are lawfully licenced, or doth contribute towards a licenced Preacher?

13 Whether hath your Minister any other Benefice? and whether doth he supply his absence by a Curate that is sufficiently licenced to preach



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preach in that Cure whereon he himselfe is not resident : or otherwise in case he doth not find a preaching minister there, by reason of the smallnes thereof, whether doth he preach at both his benefices usually himselfe ?

14 Whether is your Curate licenced to serue by the Bishop of this Dioces, or his Chancello? and whether doth your Minister or Curate serue any more Cures then one : If yea, then what other Cure doth he also serue :

15 If your Minister be not licenced to preach as aforesaid, whether doth he read Homilies, or rather take vpon him to expound the Scriptures, either in his owne Cure or elsewhere, contrary to the 49. Canon : And doth he or his Curate read an Homily euery Sunday, or some part thereof, when there is no Sermon ?

16 Whether hath any person bene admitted to preach within your Church or Chappell, but such as you haue well knowne to be licenced : Whom haue you so admitted ? You shall present their names, and how often haue any such bene admitted to preach, and by whose procurement ?

17 Whether haue you caused euery strange Preacher licenced or not licenced, to subscribe his name, according to the 50. and 52. Canons ? And if he were licenced, then by whom was he licenced ?

18 Whether doth your Lecturer and Preacher read diuine Seruice, and minister the Sacraments in his owne person twice euery yeere, observing all the Ceremonies in the Booke of Common Prayer established ? And doth any man read a Lecture in your Church that is beneficed out of the Dioces, or if he be beneficed in the Dioces, is he by that Lecture kept from his Cure : or hath he no benefice at all ?

19 Whether doth your Minister weare the Surples whilst he is saying the publike Prayers and administering the Sacraments, and a hood according to his degree of the Uniuersitie ?

20 Whether doth your Minister euery Sunday and Holy-day before Euening prayer for halfe an houre or more, examine and instruct the youth and ignorant persons of your Parish, in the ten Commandments, the Articles of Beliefe, and in the Lords Prayer ?

21 Whether hath your Minister without licence from the Bishop of the Dioces, or his Chancello, solemnized Marriage betwixt any parties, of the Banes not being thre seuerall Sundayes or Holy-dayes first published in time of diuine Seruice, in the seuerall Churches or Chappels of their seuerall aboades, according to the booke of Common prayer : or without licence, in time prohibited, albeit the Banes were so published : Or at any time except betwixt the houres of eight and twelue in

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the fozencone ? And if any haue bene otherwise marryed or licenced to be marryed by any authoritie other then aforesaid, especially since the last trienniall Visitation by any of our Commissaries, Archdeacons, or their Officials, you shall present the Minister so marryng, the parties so married, and the Authoritie whereby this was done, and you shall present whether you know or haue heard of any Licence of marriage granted by any Archdeacon or his Officiall, since the last trienniall Visitation, and to whom such Licence was granted.

22 Whether doth your Minister vpon Sundaies at Morning praier declare vnto the Parishioners what Holy-dayes and fasting dayes are appointed to be kept the weeke following ?

23 Whether doth your Minister in the Rogation daies, vse the perambulation of the Circuit of the Parish appointed by law ? And in the same perambulation moue the people to giue thanks to God for his benefits, vsing such Psalmes, Prayers, and Homilies as are to that end set forth ?

24 Whether doth any man ( being neither Minister nor Deacon ) reade Common Prayer openly in your Church or Chappell, or vse any other ministeriall duty in the Church that belongeth to a minister or Deacon, and what is his name that so doth or hath so done ?

25 Whether doth your Minister euery sixe moneths denounce in his parish all such of his Parish as doe perseuere in the sentence of Excommunication ? And whether hath he admitted any person Excommunicate, into the Church, without a Certificate of his absolution from the Ordinary ? And hath he stayed or forborne to denounce any Excommunication or suspension that hath bene sent vnto him ?

26 Whether doth your Minister, being a Preacher, endeauour and labour diligently with mildenesse and temperance to conferre with, and thereby to reclaime the Popish Recusants in his Parish from their errors ? And whether they or any of them doe refuse such conference with your Minister ?

27 Whether is your Parson, Vicar, Lecturer, or Curate, too much frequent, or ouermuch conuersant with, or a fauourer of Recusants, whereby he may be suspected not to be sincere in his Religion ?

28 Whether hath your Minister, or any other taking vpon him the place of a Minister, Preached, Baptized children ( vnlesse in case of necessity ) solemnized Marriage, Churched any women, or ministred the holy Communion in any house or houses ? If yea, then where, when, and how often hath he so offended in any of the premises ?

29 Whether, when any person hath bene dangerously sicke in your Parish,



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Parish, your Minister (having knowledge thereof) hath not resorted to euery of them, to instruct and comfort them in their distresse, according to the manner and forme appointed in the Booke of Common Prayer: And whether, when any Parishioner hath bene passing out of this life, your Minister hath slackt to doe his last duty in that behalfe?

30 Whether your Minister hath at any time refused or delayed to bury any corps that hath bene brought to the Church or Church-yard, conuenient warning hauing bene giuen to him thereof before, in such manner and forme as is prescribed in the booke of Common Prayer: And hath he buried any in Christian buriall, which ought not to bee so interred?

31 Whether hath your Minister taken vpon him to appoint any publique or priuate fasts, Wreaching or Lecturing, not approued and established by law or publike authoritie? Or hath hee attempted vpon any pretence, either of possession or obsession, by fasting and prayer to cast out Demils?

32 Whether your Minister vseth buying and selling, or trading, or to hedge, ditch, or goe to plough, or hath solicited other mens suites for gaine, or imployed himselfe about other such businesse not becomming or fitting his calling?

33 Whether doe you know in your Parish any, that hauing heretofore taken vpon him or them the order of Priesthood, or of a Deacon, hath since relinquished the same, and betaken himselfe in the course of his life as a Lay-man, or neglecting his vocation, liueth idly, and serueth no Cure, nor preacheth as a Lecturer authorized in any one certaine place? If yea, then you shall present his name and the place of his aboad.

34 Whether is your Minister reputed to be an incontinent person, or to keepe in his house, or frequent the company of any man or woman that are suspected, either to be of euill religion or bad life? Or whether is he a common haunter of Tauerne, Alehouses, or any suspected place? Or whether doth he boord or lodge in any of them? Or is a common Gamester, or player at Dice, Cards, Tables, or other vnlawfull games? A common sweater, a drunkard, or one that applyeth not himselfe in his Studie, or faulty in any other crime punishable by Ecclesiasticall censures, whereby hee is offensive and scandalous to his function or Ministrie?

35 Whether doth your Minister vse the forme of thankesgiuing to women after their Childbirth? Or hath hee admitted any woman begotten

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gotten with child in Adultery, to be churched, either publikely or priuately, without licence from the Lord Bishop of London, or his Chancello?

36 Whether doth your Minister baptize any children in any Basin or other vessel then in the Ordinary Font, being placed in the Church, or doth put any Basin into it?

37 Whether your Minister or any other that hath taken holy Orders now licenced or suspended, or other person or persons, either of the Ministry or Laity, within or nere your Parish, of your knowledge or as you haue heard, hath bene at, or vse to meete in any Barnes, Fields, Woods, priuate house or houses, and held priuate conuenticles or meetings, either in your Parish or in any other Parish? And whether hath your Minister or any other publikely or priuately preached or spoken in derogation of the booke of Common Prayer, or in any thing deptraued the same; or against the present estate of the Ecclesiasticall government established by authoritie, affirming the same to be vnlawfull, Popish or Antichristian?

38 Whether at any such meeting doe they or any of them preach, conferre, or agree vpon any priuate orders for diuine Seruice, Prayers, Preaching or expounding the Scriptures, or vse any other Prayers, Preaching, or forme of Diuine Seruice, then such as is in the Booke of Common Prayer, and by the Lawes established appointed, or be drawers or perswaders of others to any such Schismaticall conuenticles? If yea, you shall present them all and euery one of them, specifying their names, surnames, and quality or addition, and places of abode.

39 Whether his Maiesties Instructions lately sent to your Parish concerning Lecturers, celebration of diuine Seruice, catechizing, and Sermons be duly obserued, if not, you shall present by whom, and when, any of the said Instructions haue bene transgressed.

40 Item, you shall carefully and heedfully obserue and inquire, whether your Ministers in their Sermons preached by them in your publique Churches and Congregations, doe raise and deliuer out of the texts chosen by them, such pertinent notes as tend to teach obedience, and to edifie the vnderstanding of their auditorie, in matters of faith and religion, without intermeddling with any State matters, not fit to be handled in the Pulpit, but to be discussed by the wisdom of his Maiestie, and his Councellores of State? And if you finde any fault here in, you shall present him.

Concerning



## Concerning the Church.

**V**Whether haue you in your severall Churches and Chappels the Booke of Constitutions or Canons Ecclesiasticall?

2 Whether is there in your Church or Chappell one parchment Register Booke, provided for Christnings, Marriages, and Burials? And whether is the same duely and exactly kept according to the Constitutions in that behalfe provided? And is the mothers christen name therein registered as well as the fathers; and a transcript thereof brought in percerly within one moneth after the 25. day of March into the Lord Bishops principall Registry?

3 Whether haue you provided the Booke of Common Prayer lately commanded by his Maiesties authority onely to be used, and the Booke of Homilies, & two service Books, & a large Bible of the last edition?

4 Whether haue you in your Church or Chappell a Font of Stone set vp in the ancient usuall place, a convenient and decent Communion Table standing vpon a frame with a Carpet of silke, or some other decent stuffe, and a faire Linnen cloth to lay thereon at the Communion time? And whether is the same then placed in such convenient sort within the Chancell or Church, as that the Minister may be best heard in his prayer and Administration, and that the greater number may Communicate? And is the same Table so used out of diuine service, or in it, as it is not agreeable to the holy vse of it, by sitting, throwing hats on it, writing on it, or is it abused to other prophane uses?

5 Whether are the ten Commandements set vpon the East end of your Church or Chappell, where the people may best see and reade them, and other sentences of holy Scripture written vpon the walls likewise for the same purpose?

6 Whether haue you a convenient seate for your Minister to reade Service in, together with a comely Pulpit set vp in a convenient place, with a decent Cloth or Cushion for the same, a comely large Surplesse, a faire Communion Cup of Silver, and a couer agreeable for the same, with all other things and ornaments necessary for the celebration of diuine Service and the administration of the Sacraments, and a strong Chest for the Almes of the poore, with three lockes and keyes, whereof the Minister to keepe one key, and another Chest for the keeping of the ornaments of the Church and Register Booke?

7 Haue you a faire paper-booke wherein euery Preacher (which is a stranger) shall write his name, the day he preached, and by whose authority he is licensed.

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8 Whether are your Church or Chappels with the Chancels thereof, and your Parsonage or Vicarage house, and all other houses thereto belonging, in good reparations, and decently and comely kept, as well within as without, and the seates well maintained, as in the Canons is appointed? If not, then through whose default, and what defects are?

9 Whether your Church-yard be well and sufficiently repaired, fenced and maintained with walls, railes, or pales, and by whom? And if part be to be maintained by any particular persons, then you shall present how much, and what part every such person hath, or is to maintaine and repaire?

10 Whether any person hath incroached upon the ground of the Church-yard? If any hath, then you shall present him, and specifie what quantity of ground he hath so incroached, and how the old and former fences stood, and how they now stand and are fenced, and with what matter or stuffe.

11 Whether haue you in your Church any ancient or true note, or terrier of all the gleabe lands, meddowes, gardens, orchards, houses, stocks, implements, tenements, and portions of tythes, lying within or without your Parish, which belongs to your Parsonage or Vicarage? If there be any, whether it is well kept and preserved for the good of the succeeding Incumbents, and in what particular place it is kept? And whether a true copy thereof vnder the hands of the Ministers and Church-wardens hath bene transmitted into the Lords Bishops principall Registry? and when? if you haue none, you shall make one, and bring it in with your presentment, subscribed as afoze.

## Concerning Ecclesiasticall Officers.

**V**Whether doe you know, or haue heard of any payment, composition or agreement, to or with any Commissarie, Archdeacon, or his Officiall, or their Registers or other inferior Officers Ecclesiasticall, within this Diocesse, for suppressing or concealing of any presentment, excommunication, or other Ecclesiasticall censure, of, or against Recusants, or any other offenders, or for not certifying of Recusants to the Ordinary, or for not seruing of Prozesse without a summe of money, or other consideration, receiued or promised to any of them in that respect, and by whom?

2 Whether the Archdeacon, Commissary, Officiall, or any other using Ecclesiasticall Jurisdiction within this Diocesse, their Registers or  
Aduaries,



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Aduaries, Apparatozs, o2 Summoners haue at any time winked at, and suffered any Adulteries, Fornications, Incests, o2 other faults o2 offences presented vnto them, to passe and remaine unpunished and vncorrected, for money, rewards, bribes, pleasure, friendship, o2 any other partiall respect?

3 Whether doe the Commissaries, Archdeacons, o2 any their Officials, heare any matters of Office o2 correction, priuately in their Chambers, without the presence of the swozne Register, o2 his Deputy, o2 hath discharged any mans penance for money, without the consent of the Lord Bishop, according to the Constitutions, o2 doe send any writing vnder their owne hands to your Church, without the Registers presence at the doing of it, either for Marriage of any couples, o2 for ending o2 ordering of any matter o2 penance?

4 Whether hath any Commissary, Archdeacon, Officiall, o2 any other exercising Ecclesiasticall Iurisdiction within this Dioces, o2 any Register, Apparatoz, o2 Minister belonging to the same Ecclesiasticall Courts, exacted extraordinary o2 greater fees then heretofore of late hath bene accustomed? And whether is there a Table of the rates of all fees set vp in their seuerall Courts and Offices? O2 whether they o2 any of them haue any way abused themselves in their Offices, contrary to the Law and Canons in that case provided?

5 Whether any Commissarie, Archdeacon, o2 Officiall, hath, o2 doth commute o2 change any penance o2 corporall punishment for any money, and what money such Commissary, Archdeacon, o2 Officiall, hath receiued, and of whom? When and what the offence was, for which any such summe of money was receiued o2 appointed to be paid, and set downe the particulars of the premisses, and what Court any of them haue kept since the first day of Iuly last past, vpon what dayes, and in what Church and place?

6 What number of Apparatozs hath enery seuerall Judge Ecclesiasticall: and wherin, and in what manner is the Countrey overburdened and grieved by the said Apparatozs? And whether doth any of the said Apparatozs cause any parties to appeare in the said Courts, without first a presentment o2 citation obtained from the Judge of the Court.

## Concerning Schoolemasters.

**W**Hether the Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters within your Parish, openly, or privately in any Noble or Gentlemans house, or in any other place, be of good and sincere Religion, life and conuersation, and be diligent in teaching and bzinging vp of youth : and whether they haue bene examined, allowed and licensed for Schoolemasters, by the Lord Bishop of London, or his Chancello? And how many seuerall Schoolemasters haue you, and what be their names?

2 Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters do themselves receiue the holy Communion as often as they ought to doe: and whether doe all their Schollers, which be of age sufficient, and of capacity by instruction to receiue the Lords Supper, come to the Communion either in your Church, or where their Parents dwell, once euery yeere, and be diligent to heare common Prayer :

3 Whether the Schoolemaster, or Schoolemasters, either private or publike, doe teach their Schollers the Catechisme authozised by publike authozity, at the least once euery weeke, and doe instruct and examine them in the same, or doe teach any other Catechisme : and what Catechisme is it that they doe so teach :

4 Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters, or any of them be knowne or suspected to reade vnto their Schollers privately any vnlawfull Bookes; or privately to instruct them in their young yeeres, either in Poperie, Superstition, or disobedience, or contempt of his Maiestie, and his lawes Ecclesiasticall, by publike authozitie allowed :

5 Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters, or any of them, vnder pretence of Catechizing their Schollers, which is a most godly order carefully by them to be obserued, doe keepe Lectures, readings or expositions of Diuinitie in their houses, hauing repaire vnto them of people, not being of their owne family and household :

6 What Recusant Papists are there in your Parish, and whether doe any of them, or any other keepe any Schoolemaster in their house which commeth not to Church to heare Diuine Seruice, and receiue the Communion, what is his name, and how long he hath taught :

7 Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters, within your Parish, doe teach his or their Schollers any other Grammar then that which is commonly called the Kings Grammar, set forth by the Authority of King Henry the eight, teaching the prescript forme thereof :

8 Whether



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8 Whether are your Scholemasters negligent in instructing their Schollers in the Catechisme and grounds of Religion, and in bzinging them to the Church to heare Diuine Service and Sermons?

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**V**Whether haue you a fit Parish Clerke, aged twenty yeres at least, of honest conuersation, and sufficient for reading and writing: and whether he be paid his wages without fraud, according to the most ancient custome of your Parish: If not, then by whom is hee so defrauded and denied: and whether hee be chosen by the Parson or Vicar, or by whom: And whether he hath presumed to take vpon him the execution of the said place or Clerkship, before hee hath taken the oath of supremacy before the Lord Bishop of London or his Chancelloz, and hath his approbation from the said Lord Bishop or his Chancelloz:

2 Is he diligent in his office, and seruiceable to the Minister, doth he take vpon him to meddle with any thing aboue his office, as Churching of women, burying the dead, or such like:

3 Is the Church cleane kept, the doozes lockt at fit times: Is any thing lost or spoiled in the Church, and are the Communion Table, Font, Bookes, and ornaments of the Church kept faire and cleane:

## Touching Church-wardens and Sidemen, and other Church Officers.

**V**Whether the Churchwardens and Sidemen doe every Sunday and Holy-day diligently search who absenteth himselfe or her selfe from Church, and whether doe they suffer any to abide in the Church-porch or Church-yard in the time of Common Prayer or Sermon: And you shall present such as haue bene or shall be found to be absent:

2 Whether the Churchwardens and Sidemen, or any of them haue (for money, reward, fauour, or affection) forborne to present any that were or be negligent in coming to Church, or whom they haue found as idle persons abroad, either in the Church-yard or streets, in the time of Common Prayer or Sermon on the Sabbath day or Holy dayes, or any that did not receiue the Communion yereely at the feast of Easter, or within some conuenient time after:

3 Whether the Churchwardens doe prouide against euery Com-  
munion,

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munion, with the aduice of the Minister, a sufficient quantitie of fine white bread, and of good and wholesome wine for the number of the Communicants that shall receiue, and that to be brought in a cleane and sweet standing pot of Pewter, or other pure metall?

4 Haue you admitted any to preach within your Church or Chappell which was not sufficiently licensed, and how often? And haue you with your Minister taken diligent care that no strangers doe usually come to your Church, from their owne parish?

5 Whether haue you or your predecessors Churchwardens there, suffered, since the last Visitation of the Lord Bishop of London, any Playes, Feasts, Banquets, Church-sales, Drinkings, Gusters, and Hewing of Armes, or any other prophane stages to be kept in your Church, Chappell, or Churchyard? Were you chosen by the consent of the Minister and Parishioners?

6 Whether hath your Minister, Churchwardens and Parish Clerke or Clerkes, taken care that all excommunicated persons be dueely published in the Church, as the lawe requires? And likewise had care that no excommunicated persons be admitted to the Communion, nor suffered to be present at Divine service and publike prayers in your Church: you shall truly present euery one that hath neglected this duty, or bene slacke therein.

7 Whether the Churchwardens at the end of their yeere, giue vp in writing a iust account befoze the Minister and Parishioners, of their receipts and disbursements, and deliuer the residue by Will indented to the next Churchwardens? And whether at any time heretofore the Churchwardens, or the Ministers, or the Parishioners, or any of them to your knowledge, or as you haue heard, haue with-held, or detained in their custody, or haue sold, wasted, spent, or otherwise alienated any Lead, Bells, or Bell-metall, or other of the Church goods or stocke of money? and let them specifie their names, and the value and quantitie of such things as were so sold, made away, or detained, and how long since?

## Concerning Parishioners, and others of the Laitie.

**V**Whether any in your Parish, or elsewhere neere about the same, to your knowledge, or as you haue heard, hath affirmed, that the King hath not the same Authoritie in all causes Ecclesiasticall, which



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which the Kings & Christian Emperors had in the Primitive Church?  
or that haue impeached or gain-said his Royall Supremacie?

2 Whether doe you know, or haue credibly heard of any within your Parish that depraue the Christian Religion, and namely, as it is established by publike authority, and professed within the Church of England? And whether hath any person, as you haue heard, affirmed that the Church of England is not a true Catholike and orthodoxe Church, and doth not teach and maintaine the Catholike faith, and doctrine of the Apostles?

3 Whether any haue said or affirmed, that any thing in the Booke of Common Prayer, or in the Booke of Articles set forth by the Conuocation Anno Domini, 1562. Or any of the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England, in or by the same appointed, are corrupt, wicked, Antichristian, superstitious, unlawfull, or repugnant to the Scriptures? or that any of the said Articles may not with a good conscience be subscribed vnto, or any of the said ceremonies may not with a good conscience be approued, vsed, or subscribed vnto?

4 Are there any that doe not reuerently behaue themselves during the time of Diuine Seruice, deuotely kneeling when the generall Confession of sins, the Letany, the ten Commandements, and all prayers and Collects are read, and vsing all due and lowly reuerence when the blessed name of the Lord Iesus Christ is mentioned, and standing vp, when the Articles of the Beliefe are read, or which doe couer their heads in the Church during the time of Diuine Seruice, vlesse it be in case of necessitie, in which case they may vse a nightcap?

5 Whether haue any affirmed, preached, or taught, that the forme of making and consecrating Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, or any thing therein contained, is repugnant, or not agreeable to the Word of God? Or that the Bishops, Priests, and Deacons so made, are not to be accounted for Bishops, Priests, or Deacons, or ought to be ordained in any other forme? Or that the gouernment of the Church by Archbishops, Bishops, or others that beare any Office therein, is Antichristian, or not agreeable to the Word of God?

6 Whether any person haue larked or tippled in Tauerne, or Ale-houses on Sundaies, or other Holy-dayes, or vied his or their manuell Craft, Trade, or Myserie, or any bodily labour, or kept their shops open vpon the said dayes, or any of them, especially in the time of Diuine Seruice, or suffered his or their seruants to sell any wares or victuals in that time, or to offend in any of the premises?

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7 Whether are there any in your Parish, that (since the Lord Bishop of London his last Visitation) haue or doe prophane the Lords Day, called Sunday, or other Holy-day, contrary to the orders of the Church of England, in that behalfe prescribed, which hath not heretofore bene openly punished for the same, and what be their names?

8 Whether hath any person in your Parish brawled, quarrelled or stricken, or vsed any violence vnto, or with your Minister, or any other person in the Church or Church-yard, or vsed himselfe disorderly in the Church by filthy and prophane talke, or any other rude and immodest behaviour?

9 Whether haue any in your Parish bin Godfathers or Godmothers to their owne children? Or whether your Minister, or any Godfathers or Godmothers haue vsed, or doe vse any other forme, answer or speech in Baptisme, then is in the Booke of Common Prayer appointed? Or doe giue the children baptized any name absurd, or inconuenient for so holy an action: Or whether any which haue not communicated, be admitted to be Godfathers or Godmothers, contrary to the Law?

10 Whether is there any in your Parish, that doe refuse to haue their children baptized, or themselves to receiue the Communion at the hands of your Minister, because he is no Preacher: you shall present their names.

11 Whether doe all Fathers, Mothers, Masters and Mistresses, cause their Children, Seruants, and Apprentices to come to the Catechisme vpon the Sundayes and holi-dayes, befoze Euening prayer, to heare, and to be instructed and taught therein? And those that doe not their duties herein, you shall present their names.

12 How many Inhabitants within your Parish, Men or Women aboue the age of xxtene yeres, doe refuse to frequent Diuine Seruice established by publike authoritie of this Realme, or to receiue the holy Communion, or are negligent therein? or comming to Church, doe depart befoze the end of diuine Seruice or Sermon, what be their names, and of what degree, state, or trade of life are they? you are to present them all of each sort.

13 Whether doe any of the inhabitants within your said Parish entertaine within their house any sojourners, lodgers, or any common resorters and guests, who refuse to frequent diuine Seruice, or receiue the holy Communion, as aforesaid: what be their names, and of what qualitie or condition are they?

14 Whether any of the said Popish Recusants be of insolent behaviour,



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enour, not without publike offence, or doe boldly busie themselves in seducing, or withdrawing others, either abroad or in their owne families, by instructing their Children in Popish Religion, or by refusing to entertaine any, especially in place of greatest service or trust, but such as concurre with them in opinion of Religion, and what be their names that so doe?

15 How long the said Popish Recusants haue obstinately abstained either from diuine Service, or from the Communion, as is aforesaid, whether any long time, or onely since his Maiesties Reigne, and how long?

16 Whether there be any Popish Recusants married: the child of any Recusant christned, or any Recusant buried within your Parish, by any other then the Minister of the Parish, where, when, and by whom, and what certificate you haue receiued thereof? or whether the child of any Recusant remaine unbaptized aboue one moneth, or be not baptized in the Parish Church?

17 You shall present how the children of such as refuse to come to Church are brought up, vnder what Scholemaster or Tutor, where, and in what Schoole or place, what those childrens names are, how long their Parents haue bene married: by whom, when and in what place, and by what authoritie were they married, and what Certificate you haue receiued of their marriage?

18 What persons aforesaid within your Parish, either for the offence aforesaid, or for any other contumacy or crime, doe remaine excommunicated: what be their names? and for what cause? and how long haue they so stood excommunicated? And whether any doe familiarly vse the company of such as doe obstinately stand excommunicate, knowing the same, and what be their names?

19 Whether doe all persons aboue the age of sixteen yeres, vsually resort to heare diuine Service vpon Sundayes and Holydayes approued: and whether hath each one of your parishioners (being aboue the age of 16. yeres as aforesaid) receiued the holy Communion thrice this last yere, chiefly once at Easter in your Parish Church kneeling? If no, then you shall present their names which haue not so done.

20 Whether haue any in your Parish bene married within the prohibited degrees forbidden by law, and expressed in a certaine table published by authority in Anno 1563? If yea, then you shall present their names. And whether haue you the said Table publicly set vp in your Church, and fastned to some conuenient place?

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21 Whether doth any heretofore diuorced or married and not diuorced, keepe company at bed and board as man and wife with any other man or woman, then with the person that he or she was married unto, and what be their names? If the parties, now so liuing together, say that they be married: when and where were they married, and how long haue they so continued together?

22 Whether haue you in your Parish to your knowledge or by common fame and report, any which haue committed adultery, fornication or incest, or any bawdes, harbozers, or receiuers of such persons, or vehemently suspected thereof, which haue not bene publikely punished to your knowledge? If yea, then specifie the names of them all.

23 Whether haue you any in your Parish which are by common fame and report, or vehement suspicion, reputed and taken to be common drunkards, blasphemers of Gods holy name, common and vsuall swearers, filthy speakers, raylers, sowers of discord among their neighbours, or speakers against Ministers marriages, Usurers, contrary to the statute made in the 37. yeere of King Henry the eight, or Symoniacall persons: you shall not faile to present their names.

24 Whether haue any in your Parish receiued or harbozed any woman with child, that was not before a householder in your Parish? If yea, whether you know that she was married, and to whom, where, and when: and specifie her name also, and from whence she came.

25 Whether haue any in your Parish receiued or harbozed any woman gotten with child out of wedlocke, and suffered them againe to depart without penance first inflicted vpon them by their Ordinarie? You shall truly present as well the party harbouring as harbozed, and all that helped to conuey them or her away? And who is suspected to haue committed adultery or fornication with her?

26 Whether the parties offending in any of your Parishes in the sinne of fornication, adultery, or incest, bawdry, or keeping of a bawdy house, or vehemently suspected of these or any other Ecclesiasticall offences, haue for them, or any one of them bene presented since the Lord Bishop of London his last visitation, to any Commissary, Archdeacon, or his Officiall, their Surrogates or Deputies? and whether for such their offences they haue done publike penance before the Congregation in their owne Parish Church in time of diuine seruice? And if any so presented haue not done such penance, what be their names, what the offence was: and of what Parish they then were of, and where they, or any of them doe now remaine and dwell?

27 Whether



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27 Whether any person or persons suspected or detected heretofore of incontinency, and therefore departing out of your Parish, is now returned againe: or in what place else is he or she now abiding, as you know, or haue heard: And whether he or she hath done any penance, and what penance, or else escaped without penance: and by what & whose meanes: You shall present the whole truth in that behalfe.

28 Whether there be any person or persons Ecclesiasticall or Temporal, within your Parish, or elsewhere within this Diocese, that haue retained and kept in their custody, or that reade, sell, utter, disperse, carrie, or deliuer to others, any English or Latine Bookes or Libels, set forth or printed, either on this side or beyond the Seas, by Papists or Sectaries, against the Kings Supremacy in causes Ecclesiasticall, or tending to Popery, Puritanisme, or any other Sect, error or heresie, against true Religion and Catholike doctrine, now publicly professed in this Church, or the government or discipline of the Church of England, now within this Realme receiued, and established by common authoritie, that you know or haue heard of, what their names and surnames are:

29 Whether there bee any in your Parish, who are knowne or suspected to conceale or keepe hid in their houses, any Masse-bookes, Poetesses, Breuiaries, or other Bookes of Popery or superstition: or any Chalice, Copes, Vestments, Albes, or other ornaments of superstition vncancelled or vndefaced, which is to be coniectured they keepe for a day as they call it:

30 Whether haue you any in your Parish to your knowledge, or as you haue heard, which heretofore being Popish Recusants & Sectaries, haue since conformed themselves, and come to Church to heare Diuine Seruice, and receiue the Sacrament: If yea, then who they are, and how long sithence haue they so conformed themselves: And whether doe they still abide in that conformity:

31 Whether are there in your Parish any Wills not yet proued, or goods of the dead dying intestate left vnamministrated by the authority of the Ordinary in that behalfe: And whether any possesse the goods of any person deceased, without authority from the Ordinary: You shall not faile to present the Executors, and all others faulty & culpable therein.

32 What person or persons doe you know that haue dyed in your parish since the Lord Bishops last Visitation, that had goods or debts in other parts of the Dioces of London out of the iurisdiction in which the party dyed, or that dyed in any other Archdeaconrie or Iurisdiction of

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this Dioces, and had goods in your Parish? and whether the Crecutoz to such person or any other, meddled with such deceased goods by authoritie of the Committeary or Archdeacons Officiall; and not by the authority of the Lord Bishop of London or his Chancelloz?

33 Is there any Legacy given to the Church, or to other good and godly uses, as reliefe of the Poore Orphans, Poore Schollers, Poore Maydens marriages, Schollers, High wayes, and such like, which is not yet performed? If there be any such, you shall present what you know or can learne thereof, and by whose default the same is not performed.

34 Whether any of your Parishioners, having a Preacher to their Parson, Vicar, or Curate, doe absent themselves from his Sermons, and resort to any other place to heare other Preachers, or refuse to receive the holy Communion at his hands for the same respect? And whether any other Minister hath received to the Communion any of your Parish? and specifye the names both of the Minister and Parishicner. And whether doe any in your Parish refuse to haue children baptized in your Parish Church, according to the forme prescribed in the booke of Common Prayer?

35 Whether there be any Anne-keepers, Ale-wines, Victuallers, or Tiplers, that suffer or doe admit any person or persons into their houses to eate, drinke or play at Dice, Cards, Tables, Bowles, or such like games, in the time of Common Prayer or Sermons on Sundayes or Holy dayes?

36 Whether haue you any Butchers or others, that commonly vse to sell meat or other things in the time of Common Prayer, Preaching, or reading of Homilies?

37 Whether any Markets or selling of wares be vsed or suffered in any Church-yards on the Sabbath day by common Packmen and Pedlers going about, or any Butchers, or others?

38 Whether there be any in your Parish, who will come to heare the Sermon, but will not come to the publike prayer, appointed by the Booke of Common prayer, making a schisme or diuision (as it were) betwene the vse of publike Prayer and Preaching?

39 Whether there be any who being present at publike prayer, doe not deuoutly and humbly kneele vpon their knees, at such times as by the Booke of Common prayer they are appointed: to wit, when they make a generall Confession of their sins, when all prayers & Collects are read, in the time of the Letany, when the tenne Commandements are read, and at the receiuing of the holy Communion, &c. And what be their names?

40 Whether



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40 Whether there be any married women or others within your parish, which after childbirth refuse, contemne or neglect to come to the Church to giue God thanks for their safe deliuey, and to haue the prayers publickely appointed on that behalfe by the Booke of Common prayer to be vsed?

41 Whether any doe keepe their Children unbaptized longer then is comenient, vnlesse that it be for the sicknesse of the Childe, or other vrgent occasion?

42 Whether any do carrie their Child or Children from the parish they are borne, into other parishes to be baptized, and so refuse their owne parish? And to what other parish: and who baptized any child or children so carried from your parish: and whose child was it?

43 Whether any doe bring strange Ministers into their owne houses to baptize their children priuately according to their owne fantasies, or receiue any child or children borne elsewhere, to be baptized in your parish? If you know any such, then who receiued any such, & whose childe or children were so baptized: and what was the name of the child, & who baptized it? And whether you know of your owne knowledge that the Parents were married together, and where, when, and by whom.

44 Whether doe you know, or haue heard, of any Patron or Adverser in your Parish that haue made a gaine by any colour, deceit, or symoniacall pact, in bestowing his Benefice for gaine: for, or receiuing money or promise of the Lease of the whole part, or by reseruing his owne tithes, or any pension to himselfe or any other?

45 What Almes-houses, Hospitals, or Spittles for poore people haue you in your Parish, that are not of the foundation or patronage of the King: and who was the founder or Patron thereof: And whether the said Almes-houses, Hospitals, or Spittles in your Parish being vnder our rule and gouernance, be well and godly vsed, according to the foundations and ancient ordinances of the same, and whether there be any other placed in them then poore, impotent, and needy persons, that haue not wherewith or whereby to liue?

46 How many Midwives haue you in your Parish which doe exercise that office, how long they haue so done, and by what authority? and what be their names? Of what skill they are accounted to be of in their office and vocation?

47 How many haue you in your Parish that doe practise as Physicians or Chyrurgions, and are so reputed? How long they haue so done, by what authority, of what skill are they accounted to be of in their profession?

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48 Have you any in your Parish, which haue vsed any Achantments, Sozeries, Witchcrafts, or Incantations, which are not made felony by the Statutes of this Realme, or any Charmes: or which doe resort to any such for helpe or Counsell?

49 Whether doe you know of any other matter of Ecclesiasticall cognisance worthy the presentment in your iudgement, heretofore in these Articles not expressed, and which is fit to be reformed in Ecclesiasticall censure? If you doe, you shall likewise present the same by vertue of your oathes?

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### Admonition.

**F**irst, for that in great Parishes, where diuers doe come in great multitudes to receiue the Communion, whereof some doe stand excommunicate: To auoid this inconuenience in euery parish, the Minister and Churchwardens shall keepe a Booke of all excommunications brought vnto them, and from what Court, and of the day, moneth, and yeere it was receiued; and of the parties names so excommunicated, and for what cause, and of the day, moneth, and yeere of the Denunciation, and likewise of the Absolution, to the end that all persons may be drawne to conformity, and none admitted to be partakers of Common Prayer and the Sacraments, who doe stand Excommunicate, when they offer themselves ready to receiue the same.

That in the time of Diuine Seruice and Sermons, all persons be haue themselves reuerently and attentiuely, and that all men doe sit and continue vncovered, with their Hats off, the whole time of Diuine Seruice and Prayers.

That from time to time diligent inquirie be made what children are borne in enery Parish, and where, when, and by whom euery child is baptized: And if in case of necessity any childe or children be found to be baptized priuately in any house, that vpon due Certificate thereof, the same shall be published in their owne parish Church, where the Childe or Children were borne, the next Sunday after notice thereof so taken, that vpon such necessitie the said Child or Children were so baptized, and that rightly, that the Parish may take notice thereof.

And concerning your Transcript of the names of all persons Baptized, Married or Buried, you shall obserue the forme prescribed in the Booke of Articles ministered in the last Trienniall Visitation of the Lord Bishop of London, viz. Anno 1628.

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**A**t the delivery of your Bill of Presentment, at the time and place above set downe, you are likewise in the said Bill, to set downe the names of all such as haue bene buried at any time since the 15<sup>e</sup> day of Iuly last past being Men, Maids, or Widowes: and likewise the Minister, Churchwardens, and Sidemen of euery parish, must in the end of the said Bill of Presentment, set downe beside their presenting, which they make of all Recusants and non-Communicants, this Note following.

Recusants men. \_\_\_\_\_ }  
Recusants women. \_\_\_\_\_ }  
Non-Communicants of both sex. \_\_\_\_\_ }  
Communicants of both sex in the whole Parish. }

So setting downe the number of euery one, the Minister, Church-wardens and Sidemen must put their hands to this Note.





